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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED CLOSELY MISSION'S PROPOSAL (REF A)

THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER INSTRUCTING SELECTED POSTS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF ALLIED POSITIONS ON NATO ISSUES BY CONVENING PERIODIC MEETINGS OF NATO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES. WHILE WE AGREE IN GENERAL THAT MEETINGS MIGHT BE USEFUL, AND CONCUR IN MISSION ASSESSMENT THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD HELP TO REMIND THE NINE OF INTERESTS OF OTHER ALLIES, WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT, IN PRACTICE, MEETINGS COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN MANY OF HOST CAPITALS PROPOSED REF A.

2. IN REF B, EMBASSY MOSCOW DETAILED ITS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING CONVENING REGULAR MEETINGS IN SOVIET CAPITAL, AND RECOMMENDED THEY BE HELD ONLY ON APPROPRIATE AD HOC OCCASIONS, SUCH AS BRIEFINGS IN CONNECTION WITH HIGH-LEVEL VISITS. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

3. AS FAR AS ASIAN AND NEAR EAST CAPITALS ARE CONCERNED, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LARGE MEETINGS OF THIS SORT USUALLY

BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, AND IN THIS INSTANCE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS CONVENING OF "WESTERN CLUB" TO COORDINATE POSITIONS ON ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEMS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE MEETINGS IN THESE CAPITALS WOULD BE ADVISABLE.

4. FOR EAST EUROPEAN POSTS: REQUEST VIEWS OF EE POSTS CONCERNING ADVISABILITY OF CONVENING PERIODIC MEETINGS AS PROPOSED REF A. IN THOSE CAPITALS WHERE SUCH GATHERINGS ALREADY ARE TAKING PLACE, INFORMATION ON THEIR FREQUENCY AND VALUE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. (REFTELS ARE BEING REPEATED TO YOU FOR INFO.) KISSINGER

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